

Living Word Community Food Cupboard Receives Rural Development Grant for New Delivery Truck

Over 500 Rural Families to Benefit



State Director Michael W. Aube presents Reverend Tom Bruce, President of Living Word Community Food Cupboard, with Non-Perishable Food Items Donated by the Staff of Rural Development



Living Word Community Food Cupboard is an integral part of the Dover-Foxcroft community. Established in 1994, the cupboard helps over 500 area families. The food cupboard needs as much financial support as it can get, and help has arrived in the form of a \$21,000 Community Facility Grant from USDA Rural Development, \$25,000 from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, and \$14,000 raised by the community for the purchase of a new delivery truck. Cahill Food Bank in Lakeland, Florida donated funds to pay for the excise tax and register the truck.

The new truck can hold over 15,000 pounds of food and makes frequent trips to New Jersey, bringing back load after load of food for needy residents. The food cupboard is extremely crucial to families in rural areas as the price of gas and heating oil climbs to well over \$2 dollars a gallon. Families who come for food include working families who cannot make ends meet, single persons, and the elderly, among others.

State Director of Rural Development Michael W. Aube said “Rural Development strives to assist Faith-Based Organizations such as Living Word Community Food Cupboard in meeting the needs of their rural communities. The new delivery truck will positively impact the lives of families who patronize the facility.”

Reverend Tom Bruce, President of Living Word Community Food Cupboard, says the food cupboard is always ready to help the community, “We have it, we give it.” He also expresses his appreciation for Rural Development and other funding partners saying “It’s good to work with the Federal Government and other funding partners to make this a reality.” Tom continues to say “Rural Development has been extraordinary in working with me through the process. It can be difficult for a Faith-Based Organization to get funding, and Rural Development was awesome!”



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